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REMARKS:Status

After entry of this response, claims 1 to 4, 6 to 12, 14 to 16, and 18 to 27 will be pending. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended, claims 5 and 13 have been cancelled, and claims 20 to 27 have been added herein. Claims 1, 8, 9, 16, 20, and 27 are the independent claims. Entry of this response, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Amendment of Claims to Recite Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 5, 8, 13, and 16 were allowed. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite the subject matter of claim 5, which has been cancelled. Likewise, Applicant has amended independent claim 9 to recite the subject matter of claim 13, which has been cancelled. Minor additional changes have been made to the claim language to improve readability. Claims 8 and 16 have not been amended except for similar minor changes. These changes are not believed to affect the scope or allowability of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1 to 4, 6 to 12, 14 to 16, 18, and 19 are believed to be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claims 20 to 27 are Beauregard-style claims that recite instructions for performing the steps of method claims 1 to 4, 6 to 8, and 18. Accordingly, these claims also are believed to be allowable, and such action is respectfully requested.

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Withdrawal of Previous Arguments

Applicant hereby withdraws all previous arguments made with respect to applied art in this case as moot. Applicant notes that the independent claims now recite subject matter that was indicated as allowable in the first Office Action in the case. Accordingly, the withdrawn arguments are immaterial to the disposition of the case.

Closing

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,



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